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City Keeps Eyes on Ozone Alerts

The first Ozone Alert day of the 2004 Summer came and went Thursday with all reporting stations remaining within the allowable range.

The City of Broken Arrow is on a direct link to the Ozone Alert program, with an e-mail sent to all Staff members if there is an Alert coming up the next day. Those alerts are issued after 3 p.m.

If an alert is received, City workers will make adjustments to their duties. There is no mowing in Tulsa County. Fuel tanks are not topped off at the fueling station at the Maintenance Center.

The City also carries special information on the Ozone Alert program on its web site (www.brokenarrowok.gov), with a link from the Home Page. The Ozone Alert page also has links to the official Ozone Alert web site and to the Tulsa Transit "Park and Ride" information. Schedules are provided for the buses which depart the parking lot at the Church at Battle Creek (north of Albany at Aspen) and travel to downtown Tulsa, then return in the evenings.

Mowing cycles for the City's Parks & Recreation Department run 10 to 14 days at this time of the year, reports Phil Hink, Manager of the Maintenance Division. A good deal of the mowing was finished before this past weekend as crews prepared fields at the Indian Springs Sports Complex for a series of youth baseball tournaments.

City Gearing Up for United Way Campaign

City of Broken Arrow employees have already started to work on plans for their 2004 United Way Campaign drive, including volunteer sign-ups for the Day of Caring on Friday, Sept. 10.

Last year the City raised more than \$34,000. The year before, as one of the Trail Blazer companies, employees contributed nearly \$43,000.

Heading the City drive this year is Branon Dodd, Director of Employee Safe and Risk Management. He and last year's Chair Tom Caldwell gave a report to new City Manager Jim Twombly after Tuesday's Staff Meeting on the "history" of the United Way campaign at the City.

Money raised by the United Way in Broken Arrow comes back to Broken Arrow agencies, such as Broken Arrow Neighbors, BA Seniors, Inc., A New Leaf, etc. City officials have also been very involved in the Broken Arrow community campaigns of recent years, and again this year. Former Police Chief Carolyn Kusler chaired the campaign two years ago. Former City Manager Michael Kadlecik and Interim Fire Chief Greg Neely have already been at work on this year's.

Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist for the BA Police Department, is once again heading the drive to get volunteers for the Day of Caring. That event kicks off the area drive, with City employees going to United Way agencies to do work for the day.

Lisa Smith of the BAPD has already begun gathering items for the annual Police Department silent auction, which last year raised more than \$2,000. The event will probably take place in September, she said.

Chief Wuestewald Receives Scholarship

Broken Arrow Chief of Police Todd Wuestewald has been notified that he has been awarded a \$2,175 scholarship to attend the Rocky Mountin Program at the University of Colorado this summer.

The scholarship covers 75 percent of his total expenses for the program, which runs from July 29 to Aug. 5.

The mission of the Rocky Mountain Program is to:

- Enhance the leadership skills of policy makers and public managers, and
- Encourage the use of innovative approaches to governance.

The program will help government leaders act strategically and better manage complex decision processes involving collaboration among sectors and participation by diverse groups. The Participants completing the program will:

- Develop a clearer understanding of their own leadership style, vision, and purpose;
- Enhance skills needed for successful leadership;
- Appreciate diversity in background, style, and skills, and take advantage of different strengths to establish more effective work teams;
- Think more strategically and be a more effective catalyst for organizational and community renewal and change, and
- Be able to apply knowledge learned to real-world situations.

Dates Set for National Night Out Programs

America's "Goodbye Party" for crime and drugs has been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, and once again the Broken Arrow Police Department will be participating. "National Night Out" has been observed in BA the past six years. The BAPD also has a program in October, in conjunction with the Main Street Merchants, with more attention focused on working together to combat crime and drugs.

The National Night Out "is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and spread the crime prevention message while having fun," said Lisa Ford, the BAPD Crime Prevention Specialist. "The celebration can include coloring contests, games, food, visits from McGruff and police officers." To request help, contact Ford at 451-8213.

Citizens are urged to turn their outside lights on, come out side to meet neighbors and participate in special events. To request a fire truck for your neighborhood event call 259-8335.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the "Night Out Against Crime with Fun and Games on Main" will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Main Street.

Learn to Swim Lessons Draw 946

The final session of the summer of 2004 Learn to Swim program begins next Monday (July 19), with 946 enrolled during the classes so far since they began, reports Krystal Ridenour.

The four sessions have been taught once again by Red Cross trained instructors. They are provided at the old Central Park Pool in mornings and evenings.

Youth volleyball and tennis lessons have also been continuing, said Claudia Dyer, Manager of the Recreation Division of Parks & Recreation.

Final plans are being made for the schedule of the Family Aquatic Center and Country Aire Pool as the start of school draws nearer. Traditionally, pool hours have been shortened once school begins, with the final weekend from swimmers Labor Day weekend.

Battle Creek Golf Course Tops Voting

Broken Arrow's Battle Creek Golf Course was named the "best of the best" among golf courses in the July issue of the "Oklahoma Magazine."

Each year the magazine gives its readers the opportunity to vote on more than 100 categories – everything from the best burger to their favorite TV newscasters. Among the golf courses, Battle Creek was voted first, followed by Meadowbrook and (tied) LaFortune and Forest Ridge. The latter is also in Broken Arrow.

Battle Creek is owned by the City of Broken Arrow and is a public golf course located just north of the BA Expressway, east of Aspen.